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Mr. Thomas Blaisdell
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
Department of Commerce
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Blaisdell:

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As you know, [REDACTED]
of this agency have for some time past shared the chairmanship of the Interdepartmental Technical Steering Committee established to prepare lists of certain commodities on which export to the Soviet bloc should be prohibited or severely restricted for security reasons.

As the work of this Committee has been largely completed, it appears that it may now be sufficient for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to serve in future only in an advisory capacity on matters involving national security.

If this suggestion meets with your approval, it is requested that these gentlemen relinquish the chairmanship of the Committee as of 1 October 1948. Mr. Chawner and Mr. Galbreath will, of course, be available as consultants when their services are desired.

Sincerely

E. K. WRIGHT

Brigadier General, USA

Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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